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SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE ON
SETTLEMENTS AND QUNEITRA

1. OF FOUR RESOLUTIONS IN SPC UNDER ITEM ON ISRAELI PRACTICES
IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, TWO ARE COMPARABLE TO TEXTS ADOPTED
LAST YEAR (OMNIBUS AND GENEVA CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS). OTHER
TWO ARE NEW AND TEXTS (PREVIOUSLY DATEFAXED TO DEPT). ARE GIVEN
BELOW.

2. TEX OF SETTLEMENTS RESOLUTION (A/SPC/31/L.9):

QUOTE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED
NATIONS , IN PARTICULAR THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY AND
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY,

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BEARING IN MIND THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW CONCERNING

OCCUPATION, IN PARTICULAR THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENEVA
CONVENTION RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF
CIVILIAN PERSONS IN TIME OF WAR, OF 12 AUGUST 1949,

1. STRONGLY DEPLORES THE MEASURES TAKEN BY ISRAEL IN THE ARAB
TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 1967 THAT ALTER THEIR DEMOGRAPHIC
COMPOSITION OR GEOGRAPHICAL NATURE, AND PARTICULARLY THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS;

2. DECLARES THAT SUCH MEASURES HAVE NO LEGAL VALIDITY AND
CANNOT PREJUDICE THE OUTCOME OF THE SEARCH FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF PEACE, AND CONSIDERS THAT SUCH MEASURES CONSTITUTE AN
OBSTACLE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN
THE AREA;

3. DECLARES FURTHER THAT ALL LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
MEASURES TAKEN BY ISRAEL, INCLUDING THE EXPROPRIATION OF LAND AND
PROPERTIES THEREON AND THE TRANSFER OF POPULATIONS, WHICH
PURPORT TO CHANGE THE LEGAL STATUS OF JERUSALEM ARE INVALID
AND CANNOT CAHANGE THAT STATUS;

4. URGENTLY CALLS ONCE MORE UPON ISRAEL TO RESCIND ALL THOSE
MEASURES AND TO DESIST FORTHWITH FROM TAKING ANY FURTHER MEASURES
WHICH TEND TO CHANGE THE DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION, GEOGRAPHICAL
NATURE OR STATUS OF THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES OR ANY PART
THEREOF, INCLUDING JERUSALEM.

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3. TEXT OF QUNEITRA RESOLUTION (A/SPC/31/L.12):

QUOTE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 3240 C (XXIX) OF 29 NOVEMBER 1974 AND
3525 C (XXX) OF 15 DECEMBER 1975,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO
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INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE
POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, IN PARTICULAR SECTION V
THEREOF, ENTITLED "QUNEITRA", AND ANNEX III THERETO, BEING A
REPORT SUBMITTED BY A SWISS EXPERT ENGAGED BY THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE AND ENTITLED "QUNEITRA: REPORT ON NATURE, EXTEND AND
VALUE OF DAMAGE",

TAKING NOTE OF THE FINDINGS OF THE EXPERT ENGAGED BY THE

SPECIAL COMMITTEE, TO THE EFFECT THAT, THE CITY OF QUNEITRA HAS BEEN ALMOST TOTALLY DESTROYED BY "DELIBERATE ACTION" OF THE ISRAELI FORCES OF OCCUPATION BEFORE ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CITY IN 1974,

1. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION OF THE THOROUGHNESS AND IMPARTIALITY WITH WHICH THE EXPERT ENGAGED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE DISCHARGED THE TASKS ENTRUSTED TO HIM;

2. CONDEMNS THE MASSIVE, DELIBERATE DESTRUCTION OF QUNEITRA PERPETRATED DURING ISRAELI OCCUPATION AND PRIOR TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM THAT CITY IN 1974;

3. RECOGNIZES THAT THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC IS ENTITLED TO FULL AND ADEQUATE COMPENSATION, UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND IN EQUITY, FOR THE MASSIVE DAMAGES AND DELIBERATE DESTRUCTION PERPETRATED IN QUNEITRA WHILE IT WAS UNDER ISRAELI OCCUPATION, AND TO ALL OTHER LEGAL REMEDIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE;

4. TAKES NOTE OF THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC BEFORE THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE, TO THE EFFECT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT RESERVES ALL RIGHTS TO FULL COMPENSATION IN REGARD TO ALL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE ISRAELI DELIBERATE DESTRUCTION OF QUNEITRA, INCLUDING THOSE NOT COVERED BY THE EXPERTS' ABOVE-MENTIONED REPORT OR NOT FALLING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS ASSIGNMENT;

5. REQUESTS THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE ITS SURVEY ON ALL THE ASPECTS REFERRED TO IN THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH AND TO REPORT THEREON TO THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

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6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROVIDE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WITH ALL THE FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE TASKS REFERRED TO IN THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPHS.

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